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Dear Mr. Reeves,

We are in receipt of your letter and issues Paper with regard to the investigation of Metro Pricing Policies, for which we thank you.

After perusal of the Paper, we wish to flag the following comments:

- ° We refer to your Issue Paper page 11, Item 3.1.

The Table (3.1) headed "Passenger Trips" indicates that these include transfers and charters.

Our Association does not accept that transfers and charters should be included in the matrix for bus kilometre and passenger trips

The definition of "charter" is - a bus movement where a "Group" pays reward for the movement of that group and no other persons, from point "A" to point "B".- Therefore in our commercial World, that sector of the Metro business must stand alone.

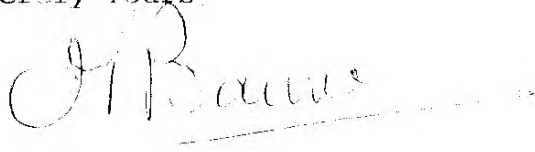
- ° This issue alone, Industry has budgeted, is burdening the tasmanian Taxpayer to the tune of \$3,000,000 per annum.

- ° May we suggest that G.P.O.C. should be looking inside the fare box and the relevant top-ups should be paid on a level playing field with private enterprise (pensioners students - unemployed) and contract services paid by the Government at a standard commercial rate.

° Taking this approach creates the opportunity for G.P.O.C. to know exactly what the real Community Service Obligation is.

Our Association would be pleased to meet with you in an open forum to discuss our concerns, at your convenience, and look forward to a positive response.

Sincerely Yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marie Barnes", written over a horizontal line.

Marie Barnes
Executive Officer

8th March 2000